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Fellow ALPA Members,

We are entering spring and that means the onset of tornado season for the southeastern states and “Tornado Alley,” a region covering parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and several other states. The recent drought in California has set the stage for wildfires, and serious flooding was recently reported in Montana and Wyoming due to runoff from melting snow. And we’re just two short months away from the beginning of hurricane season and the peak period for tornados in the Midwest and Canada.

We share this information with you not to put a damper on your family’s spring break plans, but to remind you that the ALPA Emergency Relief Fund, or Pilots for Pilots (P4P), stands ready to assist ALPA members and their families who fall victim to widespread disasters. P4P provides for any immediate needs until insurance and government disaster resources can be accessed.

As P4P board members, we tend to see a spike in the number of requests for assistance during this time each year and want to remind you that the fund is available. We also want to encourage you to contribute generously so that we can sustain this member resource. The fund draws its primary support from ALPA member and staff donations, and 100 percent of all contributions are used to assist members and their families in need.

In an effort to broaden awareness, the board is now reaching out to ALPA master executive councils (MECs) to promote P4P at the local level. We’ve already seen some clever MEC fundraiser ideas and encourage you to look for more ways to promote P4P activities at your airline. However, we want to take this appeal one step further.

This month’s Air Line Pilot features an “Our Stories” article about a Spirit pilot who recognized a need in his community and created an event to raise money for it. We applaud this kind of initiative and charitable spirit, and ask ALPA pilots to please consider how you might promote and support the ALPA Emergency Relief Fund through a campaign or activity in your area.

Remember that we’re all just a catastrophic event away from needing P4P, so please help maintain this important member benefit. For more information about P4P, visit www.alpa.org/relieffund.

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